

**REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS**

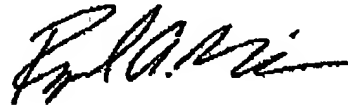
Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for their time in considering this amendment.

A Notice of Allowance was issued for Claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, and 15-19 in the above identified case. In this Amendment, claims 1-5, 9, 11-12 and 15-19 are presented in clean form; claims 7, 10, and 13 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicant's respectfully request that claims 7, 10 and 13 be amended to correct formal matters in these claims. In claims 7, 10, and 13 the term "pro-apoptotic" which was used to refer to a protein or gene has been replaced with the term "cytochrome c" to refer to the same protein or gene.. The amendment provides a proper antecedent basis for the term cytochrome c in claims 7, 10, and 13. No additional search or examination is needed because the scope of the claims has not been changed by these amendments.

It is believed that the pending amendments are proper and that their entry be made by the Examiner. Notice regarding the entry of these amendments is respectfully requested. Although Applicant believes no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 50-0436 for any fees that may be due in connection with this Amendment. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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